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For: SURFACE CLEANING APPARATUS : PETITION UNDER  
M.P.E.P. 708.02 II

This is in response to the petition filed November 5, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Section 708.02 II of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102. The fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid. The petition meets the requirements of section 708.02 II of the MPEP.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, the examiner should consider such application simultaneously with this case and should state in the official letter of such application that the examiner is taking it out of turn because of a possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken or this case become involved in interference, then the Patent and Trademark Office, contingent upon diligent prosecution by applicant, will expedite consideration of the appeal or of the interference.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

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